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## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently amended) A functional food/drink having antiallergenic action comprising one or more selected from the group consisting of epigallocatechin-3 -O (3 -O-methyl)gallate epigallocatechin-3-O-(3-O-methyl)gallate (EGCG3"Me) and gallocatechin-3-O-(3-O-methyl)gallate (EGCG4"Me) as an optical isomer thereof, epigallocatechin-4-O-(4-O-methyl)gallate (EGCG4"Me) as an optical isomer thereof, and stryehnine strictinin, wherein one or more ingredients of EGCG3"Me, GCG3"Me, EGCG4"Me, GCG4"Me and strictinin are contained in amount of lmg to 500mg per one liter to daily intake of 3mg to 300mg, wherein EGCG3"Me, GCG3"Me, EGCG4"Me, GCG4"Me and strictinin are extracted from at least one selected from the group consisting of Benifuki, Benihomare and Benifuii.
- (Currently Amended) The functional food/drink having antiallergenic action
  according to claim 1, wherein the one or more ingredients selected from the group consisting of
  EGCG3"Me, GCG3"Me, EGCG4"Me, GCG4"Me and strychnine strictinin are obtained as tea
  extracts and/or are contained in ground tea.
- (Currently Amended) The functional food/drink having antiallergenic action
  according to claim 2, wherein the tea is of Assam hybrid and/or Chinese species.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The functional food/drink having antiallergenic action according to claim 3, wherein the Assam hybrid—is one or more selected from the group consisting of "Benifuki", "Benihomare", and "Benifuji" and Chinese species is one or more selected from the group consisting of "Seishin dai-pan", "Selshin oolong", and "Oba oolong".

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- 5. <u>A The functional food/drink having antiallergenic action according to claim 1 comprising one or more selected from the group consisting of epigallocatechin-3-O-(3-O-methyl)gallate (EGCG3"Me) and gallocatechin-3-O-(3-O-methyl)gallate (EGCG3"Me) as an optical isomer thereof, epigallocatechin-4-O-(4-O-methyl)gallate (EGCG4"Me) and gallocatechin-4-O-(4-O-methyl)gallate (GCG4"Me) as an optical isomer thereof and strictinin, wherein one or more ingredients of EGCG3"Me, GCG3"Me, EGCG4"Me, and GCG4"Me and strictinin are contained at 0.01 mg to 1,000 mg per one liter to daily intake of 0.3 mg to 3,000 mg, wherein EGCG3"Me, GCG3"Me, EGCG4"Me, GCG4"Me and strictinin are extracted from at least one selected from the group consisting of Benifuki, Benihomare and Benifuji.</u>
- 6. (Currently amended) The functional food/drink having antiallergenic action according to any one of claims claim 15, wherein one or more ingredients EGCG3"Me, GCG3"Me, EGCG4"Me, and GCG4"Me and strictinin are contained at 1 mg to 1,000 mg per one liter to daily intake 3 mg to 300 mg.
  - 7. (Cancelled)
  - 8. (Cancelled)
- (Currently amended) The functional food/drink having antiallergenic action according to claim 1, further comprising a masking agent to mask bitterness.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A tea bag sealed tea comprising one or more selected from the group consisting of EGCG3"Me, GCG3"Me, EGCG4"Me, and GCG4"Me and strychnine therein strictinin contained in amount of 1mg to 500mg per one liter to daily intake of 3mg to 300mg, wherein EGCG3"Me, GCG3"Me, EGCG4"Me, GCG4"Me and strictinin are extracted from at least one selected from the group consisting of Benifuki, Benihomare and Benifuii.